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SUBJ: FSB/ BARRIENTISTA ALLIANCE

1. THE FALANGE SOCIALISTA BOLIVIANA (FSB) FORMED A NEW POLITICAL ALLIANCE CALLED THE ALLIANCE OF NATIONALIST REAFFIRMATION (ARN), WITH FOUR BARRIENTISTA POLITICAL PARTIES, THE PARTY OF BOLIVIAN NATIONAL UNION (PUNB), THE PARTY OF THE BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION (PRB), THE POPULAR CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (MPC) AND BARRIENTISTA REVOLUTIONARY BLOQUE. AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY ON APRIL 17 THE PARTIES AFFIRMED THEIR LOYALTY TO BOTH THE BANZER REVOLUTION OF AUGUST 19, 1971 AND THE BARRIENTOS REVOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 1964.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS, MARIO GUTIERREZ, HEAD OF THE FSB, SAID THAT THIS NEW ALLIANCE " WILL PERMIT THE BARRIENTISTA PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FPN THROUGH THE FALANGE." HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT SEE THIS AS A THREAT TO THE MNR, BUT AS VISIBLE EFFORT TO UNIFY ALL NATIONALIST FORCES WHICH IS AN IDEAL OF PRESIDENT BANZER.

3. IN COMMENTING ON THE NEW ALLIANCE MININFO FORTUN TOLD THE PRESS THAT AS AN MNR LEADER HE BELIEVED THAT REAFFIRMATION OF THE BOLIVIAN NATIONALIST SPIRIT HAPPENED ON APRIL 9, 1952, AND EVERYTHING SINCE THEN WERE SIMPLE POWER TAKEOVERS, UNTIL AUGUST 1971 WHEN " THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONALIST FLAG WAS AGAIN RAISED". FORTUN CONTINUED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ALLIANCE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE MNR AS SOME OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED, SPECIFICALLY THE PRB, WERE SPLINTER GROUPS OF THE MNR AND WILL SUPPORT THE MNR POSITION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

4. SPEAKING FOR PRESIDENT BANZER, MINSTATE ARCE SAID THAT THE GOB ENDORSED THE INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES INTO THE FPN AS IT CONSTITUTED A BROADENING OF THE BASES OF THE ALLIANCE, AND" INCREASED THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A SINGLE NATIONALISTIC POLITICAL PARTY".

5. COMMENT: THE ALLIANCE WILL TEND TO STRENGTHEN EVEN FURTHER THE FSB TIES WITH THE MILITARY, BUT THE ADDITION OF THE " PARTIES IN NAME ONLY" TO THE FSB SIDE MEANS RELATIVELY LITTLE WITH REGARDS TO POPULAR SUPPORT.

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